

Northern Virginia Regional Partnership Steering Committee Meeting February 20, 2003

Attendees

Jane Anthony, George Barker, Mary Ann Beall, John Beghtol, John Boyd, Phill Bradbury, Joe Bullock, Jessica Burmester, Ray Burmester, Lynn DeLacy, Mark Diorio, Sharon Ekleberry, Tom Geib, Mike Gilmore, Amanda Goza, Wendy Gradison, Joe Hinshaw, Sharon Jones, Leslie Katz, Henriette Kellum, Cindy Kemp, Bob Lassiter, John Morrow, Russell Payne, Lou Rosato, Gail Sullivan, Jim Thur, Carol Ulrich, Leslie Weisman, and Alan Wooten

The Notes of January 16, 2003 were accepted.

UPDATES

- The current status of the Commissioner's Proposed Guidance for the Completion of Reinvestment Initiative was discussed.
- A briefing of the Structural Work Group activities was provided by Bob Lassiter which included:
 - ? Notification of a listing of collaborative agreements being compiled, which once completed, will be provided to the entire Steering Committee.
 - ? Presentation to the Steering Committee of a draft letter to Commissioner Jim Reinhard clarifying the status and timeline of the Northern Virginia planning process, which after review and editing, was agreed to be sent. This letter is in addition to the email sent by Jim Thur to Charline Davidson on the same subject.
 - ? Next meeting is scheduled for March 14.
- Leslie Weisman provided results of the Mental Health Work Group February 11 meeting, some highlights of which were:
 - ? Examining and identifying diversion options—Crisis Care and Detox.
 - ? Addressing how to build in the needed level of care to handle acute psychiatric issues for further utilization of diversion.
 - ? Focus on private hospitals vs. public sector in terms of acute stabilization and intensive care.
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PRESENTATION OF GERIATRIC REPORT

Henriette Kellum presented an overall outlook on the geriatric population, the fastest growing population, pointing out the scarcity of current services due to State funding cuts over the last decade as well as the lack of steps being taken to deal with future demands. The discussion following her presentation identified

regional issues which it was determined should be specifically addressed by a separate work group that will actively focus on these issues and not place on a back burner. In addition, it was decided that Henriette Kellum and John Morrow would work to incorporate some of the recommendations of the Geriatric Report within the Interim Report of the Regional Partnership.

PRESENTATION OF RECOVERY MODEL

Following the presentation by Sharon Ekleberry, Mary Ann Beall, and Gail Sullivan, it was the consensus of the Steering Committee to include some of the guidelines of the Recovery Model within the Committee's draft guiding principles and objectives. In addition, it became evident during the discussion, the institutional education of recognizing symptoms of decompensation and taking needed steps, does not continue once outside and within the community. It was determined this information should be communicated throughout the Region, and in this regard, the Mental Health Work Group under Leslie Weisman's leadership would be brought into this process to assist in the effort. Mary Ann Beall noted she has a substantial library of information on the Recovery Model which can be made available if copying services are provided.

WORK PLAN

On the local forum outline, it was recommended to:

- Change the title from Listening Sessions to Community Forums.
- Note the uninsured Virginia population is slightly lower than the national average.
- Revise questions for possible discussion to move to the forefront 1) what works well, and 2) doesn't work.
- Try to reduce the outline to a one-page document.
- Include the draft Vision Statement and Guiding Principles as revised and modified.
- Transmit information to Community Services Boards with a cover letter which explains the recommended format.

In addition, it was determined to still pursue consumer focus groups.

OUTLINE OF INTERIM REPORT

It was observed the draft outline differs from the State's Proposal as the reinvestment aspect is not addressed.

UPCOMING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Thursday, March 20, 8:30 -11:30 a.m., Room 232 of the Fairfax County Government Center
- Thursday, April 10, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., place TBD